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REPORT FROM "PEL" INCLUDES INFORMATION ON A LETTER FROM "KABAN"  
FROM THE CONFERENCE AT ADANA (1943)

From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

No: 888

9th June 1943

To VIKTOR[i].

"PEL"[ii] reports that

[46 groups unrecovered]

June.

During the raid [NALET] on the [C% American]

[26 groups unrecoverable].

artillery according to the new

[79 groups unrecovered]

COMPETITORS[KONKURENTY][iii] [2 groups unrecovered] letter from "KABAN"[iv]  
from[a] the conference at ADANA:

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2 ORION class cruisers  
 10 minelayers[MINONOSTsY][b]  
 6 submarines  
 3 trawlers[TRAL'ShohIKI]  
 8 submarine chasers  
 6 escort vessels (each of 800 tons)  
 15 MTB's[KATERY BEREGOVOJ OBORONY][c]  
 4 minesweepers  
 10 KAVAK class[v] minesweepers  
 6 500-ton merchant vessels  
 Machinery for

[11 groups unrecovered] naval equipment.

GERMANY

[40 groups unrecovered]

No. 491

LUKA[vi]

Notes: [a] Literally "at".

[b] Possibly a loose rendering of ESKADRENNYE MINONOSTsY, the Russian term for "destroyers".

[c] Literally "coastal defence boats". This term could also apply to motor gunboats and motor launches.

Comments: [i] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.

[ii] PEL: i.e. "PAL"; Nathan Gregory SILVERMASTER.

[iii] COMPETITORS: Members of a non-Soviet intelligence organisation.

[iv] KABAN: i.e. "BOAR"; Winston CHURCHILL.

[v] Motor minesweepers acquired from BRITAIN by the Turks in 1939.

[vi] LUKA: Pavel P. KLARIN; Soviet Vice-Consul in NEW YORK.